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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2000, enclosed please find the following documents: Amendment; Paper Copy of Sequence Listings and disk; Statement of Sameness; copy of Notice to Company; and Associate Power of Attorney, and three month extension of time with fee.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC381-US). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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